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- ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. Assignment to Nikon Corporation, Tokyo, Japan [*Name, city and country*] in the prior Application Serial No. 09/421,331, filed on October 18, 1999 has been recorded at Reel 010438, Frame 0549 on December 7, 1999. **Please publish the assignee data with the application.**

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10. [] English translation Document (if applicable)

11. [X] Information Disclosure Statement [] Copies of IDS Citations

12. [X] Preliminary Amendment

13. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. [] Small Entity status is claimed.

15. [X] Claim for Convention Priority [] Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

a. Priority of Japanese Patent application no. 9-116255 filed on April 18, 1997, Japanese Patent application no. 9-109748 filed on April 25, 1997 and of Japanese Patent application no. 9-124527 filed on May 14, 1997 are claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/421,331. (For Continuing Applications, if applicable).

16. [] Other _____

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a. [X] Please amend the specification by inserting after the title: --This application is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/421,331 filed October 18, 1999; which is a continuation of international application PCT/JP98/01777, filed April 17, 1998.--

b. [] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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